



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 108

Title: Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Coverage and Reimbursement

Hearing Date: February 1, 2023

Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *Senate Bill 108 – Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Coverage and Reimbursement*. This bill requires coverage and reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits in state-regulated private insurance plans.

. Under the Affordable Care Act, private insurance plans are required to cover annual wellness visits with a primary care provider. States such as Massachusettsⁱ and Coloradoⁱⁱ have recognized the value of similar coverage for behavioral health wellness visits, a providers can identify behavioral health issues and provide treatment earlier.

We appreciate that this bill embodies a new coverage proposal, and there will be implementation discussion, particularly on how behavioral health and primary care providers coordinate care. We are committed to contributing to this discussion, as we consider how to improve access to care for our patients.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-general-laws-c175-ss-47t>

ⁱⁱ <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb21-1068>